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1. Between 19 and 21 May 1954, no aircraft were parked at Briesen airfield nor was air activity conducted there. At 10:15 a.m. on 22 May, a twin-jet aircraft landed at the field coming from the east. The aircraft apparently was of the same type as the Il-28s which had been stationed at the field in 1952 and 1953.

2. At 9:45 a.m. on 25 May, 3 Il-28s landed at the field at distances of 1,000 meters, coming from the east. Subsequently, the aircraft taxied to the dispersal areas along the southern taxiway.

At 10:50 a.m., 9 Il-28s approached in three flights, with a distance of 4 or 5 aircraft lengths between the individual flights. The interval between the individual aircraft of each flight was approximately one wingspan. The aircraft landed at intervals of 1,000 meters and subsequently were parked near the other aircraft. At 11:30 a.m., another squadron of 9 aircraft including U-Il-28s approached. The U-Il-28 aircraft had no tail guns, no bottom gondola under the fuselage, and no plexiglass nose. At 11:50 a.m., an additional 9 Il-28s and U-Il-28s landed and were parked on the dispersal area near the flight control station. Among the 18 aircraft which landed after 10:50 a.m. were 7 Il-28s and 4 U-Il-28s.

About 3 p.m., 31 Il-28 and U-Il-28s, 1 twin-engine aircraft with tail wheel, and 2 single-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked at the field.

3. Between 26 May and 1 June, no air activity was observed at the field. On 2 June, about 150 take-offs for local flights were made, while there was a closed ceiling at an altitude of about 300 meters and visibility of about 5 km. Six to 8 aircraft were continuously aloft conducting individual flights. The aircraft taxied very carefully to and from the take-off point, and, after the landing, remained on the runway for a long time before taxiing to the dispersal area. At the first landings on 25 May, however, the aircraft landed at intervals of about 1,000 meters and quickly vacated the runway.

Comment. The fighter regiment from Briesen airfield transferred to Altenburg between 11 and 17 May 1954. Il-28s which had been stationed in Briesen prior to June 1953 had been transferred to Altenburg. The newly observed Il-28s in East Germany which reportedly were in Werneuchen. It appears possible that the aircraft which are now stationed in Briesen had been stationed in Werneuchen for a short period.

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